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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM CAPACITY TALKS WITH JAL

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1. JAPANESE EMBOFF HAS MADE VERY TENTATIVE LOW KEY INQUIRIES AS TO POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT TECHNICAL LEVEL BETWEEN SMALL NUMBER OF JAPANESE AND US CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS BUT HAS NOT SUGGESTED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. NO SITE HAS BEEN MENTIONED BUT DURING RECENT RATE NEGOTIATIONS, HEAD JAPANESE DELEGATION INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT IF AT SOME FUTURE DATE INFORMAL TALKS COULD BE ARRANGED, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO HOLDING THEM IN HONOLULU OR ON THE US WEST COAST RATHER THAN TOKYO OR WASHINGTON.

2. IMPETUS FOR TECHNICAL LEVEL TALKS SEEMS TO COME FROM JCAB DESIRE TO ASSESS IMPLICATIONS OF EVOLVING US AVIATION POLICIES. JAPANESE EMBOFF INQUIRED WHETHER DEPARTMENTAL

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REPRESENTATION WOULD BE IN ORDER IF TALKS WERE HELD. HE

WAS TOLD THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKE FOR USG ON INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MATTERS. HE SAID HE WOULD ADVISE TOKYO AND THAT AT THIS STAGE USG SHOULD NOT REGARD INQUIRY AS FORE-SHADOWING AN INVITATION.

3. IMPRESSION WE HAVE IS THAT JCAB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INFORMAL TOUR D'HORIZON BUT WOULD PREFER NOT HAVE FONOFF OR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION AT THIS STAGE. PROBE MAY BE DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING IF SUCH A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED. ASSUMING THIS IS TRUE OUR POSITION MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING.
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